



## **JERSEY FRESH FARM TO SCHOOL SUMMIT AGENDA**

***March 14, 2018***

***8am-3pm***

***Robert Wood Johnson Conference Center***

***3100 Quakerbridge Road***

***Mercerville, NJ 08619***

[Click here to register.](#)

### **8:00am-9:00am: Registration and Light Breakfast**

#### **9:00am-9:30am: Welcome**

Rose Tricario, Director, NJDA Division of Food and Nutrition

Douglas Fisher, NJDA Secretary of Agriculture

Pat Dombroski, USDA MARO Regional Administrator

Beth Feehan, NJDA Farm to School Program Coordinator

Chris Cirkus, NJDA Farm to School Assistant Program Coordinator

#### **9:30am-10:45am: Morning Panel Discussion**

##### **School Gardens, Nutrition Education and Local Procurement**

**SCHOOL GARDENS:** Garden Gourmet--Jessica Cuevas, Margate City Public Schools

**NUTRITION EDUCATION:** Harvest of the Month--Frank Montesana, Philips Education Partners

**LOCAL PROCUREMENT:** Dock to School--Victor Faison, Lower Cape May Regional School District

**MODERATOR:** Tegan Hagy Bernstein, USDA Mid-Atlantic Region Farm to School Coordinator

#### **10:45am: Break**

#### **11:00am-12:00pm: Morning Breakout Sessions**

##### **Using Local Produce in Classrooms, School Gardens and Cafeteria**

- 1. Digging in the Dirt: 2017 Best in New Jersey Farm to School Award Winning School**  
Bianca Aniski, Ethel Jacobsen Elementary School, Long Beach Island  
Moderators: Ashni Mathew, Maddy Tannous, FoodCorps service members, Orange Public School District and Isles, Inc.
- 2. Readers to Eaters: Using Books to Connect Students to Taste Tests**  
Amarilys Olivo, Essex County West Caldwell Technical School  
Moderator: Javonne Alonzo, FoodCorps NJ service member, Greater Newark Conservancy
- 3. Culinary Programs and FFA: Connecting to the Cafeteria**  
Daniel Delcher, Essex County West Caldwell Technical School  
Moderators: Cassidy Cabrera, Jae Zimmermann, FoodCorps NJ service members, Philips Academy Charter School
- 4. Scratch Cooking with Local Products: Making the Commitment**  
Lisa Baker, Alphabets Preschool Center, Asbury Park  
Moderator: Lexi Mestas, FoodCorps NJ service member, Coopers Ferry Partnership



**12:00pm-12:45pm: Lunch**

**12:45pm-1:45pm: Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

**Farm to School Across the School Setting**

**1. Harvest Week and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**

Sal Valenza, Kim Gray and Rachel Kolombaris, West New York School District, NuWay Concessionaires

Moderators: Ani Karabashian, Emily Chau, FoodCorps NJ service members, AtlantiCare Foundation

**2. Using Jersey Tastes in the Classroom**

Jessica Fioretti, Elms Elementary School, Jackson

Moderator: Theo Banks, FoodCorps NJ service member, Camden Center for Environmental Transformation

**3. School Garden Reflection: Assessing Strengths and Addressing Struggles**

Luanne Hughes, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County

Mike Hink, Allison Thompson and Anne Marie Henry National Park School

Katelyn Waldeck, FoodCorps Service Member, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County

Moderator: Alexis McCullum, FoodCorps service member, New Brunswick Public Schools

**4. Classroom-Garden Connections to Young Students**

Jennifer Salt, Center for Family Resources, Ringwood

Moderator: Amanda Greenlee, FoodCorps service member, United Way of Passaic County

**1:45pm: Break**

**2:00pm-3:00pm: Afternoon Panel Discussion**

**Supporting and Strengthening Farm to School**

**PARENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:** Princeton School Garden Cooperative, Karla Cook and Fran McManus

**FACILITIES ROLE IN FARM TO SCHOOL:** Long Branch Public Schools, Ann Degnan

**FOOD SERVICE COMMITMENT:** Maschio's Farm to School, Lyn Mahoney

**INSIDE/OUTSIDE SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS:** Chatham Public Schools, Kathy Abbot, Shay Coleman and Ann Worden

**3:00pm: Closing Remarks**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Summit is free to attend but registration is required. Due to limited space, attendees are asked to communicate if their plans change and they are unable to attend so that we may open the registration to the maximum number of attendees. Please call the NJDA Farm to School Program at 609 -292-8747 or email us at [newjerseyf2s@ag.nj.gov](mailto:newjerseyf2s@ag.nj.gov) if you need to cancel your registration.